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RESPONSE TO ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 24, 2005, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The three-month period for response expires on September 24, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. This claim set will replace all prior versions. No amendments have been made.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.